

you can recall that we've heard that many times before. We've heard it many times before. This Legislature shook in its boots when we were facing that very critical issue that the entire world was listening to, whether or not somebody that gets on a motorcycle wears a helmet. They came in and said, the highway funds are gone. Never happened. The 10 mile an hour speed limit, our \$10 fine for the 65 speed limit immediately the same charge that Senator Swigart made, that we were going to lose all highway funds. The government was going to come in and actually, Warren, chop up the interstate in Omaha if we didn't comply. But they didn't do that. So, those that have opposed the bill have said the following to you, first of all if you vote for 65, you're going to increase deaths. Absolutely no proof. Secondly, you're going to have an adverse affect on agriculture and you're going to have an adverse affect on the United States economic conditions in terms of import export balance of trade.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thirdly, you're going to destroy the Nebraska highway system. Pretty tough arguments against it. Pretty tough arguments. But he who asserts must prove. I submit to you that there has been no proof and so it boils down to what we have heard is reckless, careless, unproven assertions that simply boil down to so much rhetoric.

PRESIDENT: Senator Boughn.

SENATOR BOUGHN: Members of the House. I'm not going to say let's hear the jingle of the coin or the shuffle of the crisp five dollar bills. I do not have the acumen to regard the economic stability of the United States monetary system. But I do want to go on record in support of the amendment of Senator Chamber's. I heartily endorse Senator Chamber's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Reutzel. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of this body. I just want to add a little bit to what's been said against this so called amendment. It's no wonder we have an oversupply of gasoline at the moment. I think those of you, there may be some in this body that know much more about it than I do, but when you crack the crude oil, you have to get so much of each part of that crude. There's gasoline, there's diesel fuel kerosene and on down til you get to the stuff we make black top roads out of. At this time, when there's a great demand of fuel oil, we naturally have an oversupply of gasoline. This has happened every year that I know of when we've had a cold winter. We're really being shortsided when we think we've got plenty of gas because of this. What we're doing is just using up more crude. I'm sure this is the case. The other thing is, we keep hearing there are no statistics that tell us that we've saved lives or we're saving fuel. I think all you have to do is read the records. I can't quote them, but I'm sure they're there. We hear it everyday from our news media and institutions that we have to study this. The other thing that really bothers me about this whole thing is that in the last few years, I think that all we've done down here in the Legislature is try to circumvent the laws of the nation and of the state of Nebraska. If we can't keep the laws, if we can't uphold them, I don't know who in the world in the state of Nebraska is going to. We should be an example, not trying to pull down the laws of our nation and our state. Thank you.